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**From:** Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]  
**Sent:** 10/31/2017 7:25:05 PM  
**To:** Rachel Jones [RJones@nam.org]  
**Subject:** RE: Smith Remarks on EPA Science Boards Announcement

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**From:** Rachel Jones [mailto:RJones@nam.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 3:15 PM  
**To:** Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Smith Remarks on EPA Science Boards Announcement

Ha!

I should be getting royalty checks for the TPs I wrote for him years ago that they still use.

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On Oct 31, 2017, at 2:51 PM, Jackson, Ryan <[jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Some things just never get old.

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**From:** Science Space and Tech Committee Press SST Press [mailto:SSTPress@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 2:32 PM  
**To:** McDonald, Thea <[Thea.McDonald@mail.house.gov](mailto:Thea.McDonald@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** VerVelde, Brandon <[Brandon.VerVelde@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brandon.VerVelde@mail.house.gov)>  
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## **Smith Remarks on EPA Science Boards Announcement**

WASHINGTON - House Science, Space, and Technology Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas) delivered the following statement today at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) headquarters following Administrator Pruitt's announcement regarding the agency's science boards.

As prepared for delivery:

**Administrator Pruitt, thank you for inviting me to be here today. This is a special occasion.**

**Today's announcement shows that we have an administrator with common sense, commitment and courage.**

**Administrator Pruitt is restoring the EPA advisory boards to their original purpose – to provide the administrator objective advice on science and technology policies.**

**For eight years, the EPA has had science boards filled with members who have had conflicts of interest.**

**It's impossible for these boards to be fair and balanced in their advice and their decisions when many board members are receiving grants and funds from the EPA.**

**Earlier this year, the House passed a Science Committee bill called the EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act. It was introduced by Frank Lucas of Oklahoma and co-sponsored by 28 Members of Congress.**

**The legislation increases the transparency of the board and the independence of its members.**

**The goal of the legislation is to enable boards to provide unbiased scientific advice, which will help maintain their integrity.**

**Administrator Pruitt's actions today enable us to put the principles of this bill into practice.**

**Americans can thank Administrator Pruitt for advancing honest government, sound scientific opinions and a more responsive EPA.**

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